

## Liturgical Schedule Fourth Week of the Great Fast— March 7, 2021

### Third Sunday of the Great Fast

#### Saturday March 6

Beaverdale      5:00 PM

**Vigil Divine Liturgy** [+Elizabeth Andrykovitch, by Michael Andrykovitch]  
Followed by Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

#### Sunday March 7

Portage      9:00 AM

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

#### Wednesday, March 10

Portage      6:30 PM  
                  7:00 PM

#### *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

#### Friday, March 12

Portage      6:30 PM  
                  7:00 PM

#### *Simple abstinence and fasting required*

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions]  
**Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

### Fourth All Souls Saturday

#### Saturday, March 13

Portage      9:00 AM **Divine Liturgy** followed by Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased  
Portage      3:00 pm      *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*  
Dunlo      4:30 pm      *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

### Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

#### Saturday March 13

Dunlo      5:00 PM

**Vigil Divine Liturgy**

[+Katherine Thrower-40<sup>th</sup> Day Remembrance, by Karen Valko]  
Followed by Panachida & Reading of the Names of the Deceased

#### Sunday March 14

Portage      9:00 AM

**Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast:** *“When, then, you make the sign of the cross on the forehead, arm yourself with a saintly boldness, and reinstall your soul in its old liberty; for you are not ignorant that the cross is a prize beyond all price. Consider what is the price given for your ransom, and you will never more be slave to any man on earth. This reward and ransom is the cross. You should not then, carelessly make the sign on the forehead, but you should impress it on your heart with the love of a fervent faith. Nothing impure will dare to disturb you on seeing the weapon, which overcomes all things.”* [St. John Chrysostom]

On this Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, we consider how we reverence the cross in our day to day life. Do I make the Sign of the Cross impressed on my heart with fervent faith?

On Monday, March 8 Rev. Deacon Thomas Moses concludes ***Dying to Sin***, [[info@easterncatholic.org](mailto:info@easterncatholic.org)] an exploration of asceticism [*“self-denial”*]. What does it mean to take up one's cross and follow the Lord? Deacon Thomas will discuss some practical principles and their application for us who "live in the world." Share this excellent series with others!

**The Great Fast:** The *Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts* is on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent.

On Saturday, March 13, the Fourth *All Souls Saturday* the *Divine Liturgy* and *Panachida* at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is at 9:00 am. The *Panachida* and Reading of the Names of the Deceased follow the Vigil Divine Liturgy in Dunlo on March 13.

**Simple abstinence:** The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, but permits eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are obliged to observe simple abstinence when prescribed. Abstinence is obligatory on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

Also, please continue to remember *Prayer Partner* daily: **“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perfection, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” [Philippians 1:9-11]**

**Parish Advisory Council:** The *Parish Advisory Council* meeting for Saints Peter and Paul, Portage is rescheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the social room of the church hall.

Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, November 12, 2020 will be in next Sunday’s bulletin

**Rebate Received for LED Lighting:** Saints Peter and Paul Church received an energy rebate check for \$595.55 from FirstEnergy, parent company of Penelec, our electric provider. This rebate was received as part of the *Energy solutions for business incentive* for the conversion to LED lighting in the church, social hall and rectory completed this past spring. The conversion of the lighting as done during the weeks of the interruptions of church services due to the virus pandemic.

**Memorial Donation:** - We gratefully acknowledge a donation to *Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo* In memory of **+Catherine Thrower** from: *Jim and Susan Raynor* of Johnstown. **Eternal Memory!**

**Your cooperation** with guidelines posted in the narthex is appreciated.

- **Face masks** are required to protect one another [provided in narthex for your convenience.]
- After each person has received, the **Communion spoon** is sanitized in a vessel containing an alcohol product [75% alcohol] which is drinkable, to encourage participation in the Eucharist.

### **Remember in Prayer**

**For the Health of:** *Deacon Daniel Perich; Steve Koshute* [Transitional Care Unit]; *Carol Slifko* [Memorial Hospital]; *Joan Plishka; Donna Block; Marge Fleck; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Paul Kozak* a friend of Father Jim; and all the ill, and homebound.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS At home: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Dorothy Billy; Louise Halovich; Joseph Mandichak; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Cathy Walters; Helen Zaher.

**St. Mary (Beaverdale):** Catherine McGough.

**NURSING & OTHER CARE FACILITIES: Arbutus Park Manor:** Margaret Rachael [Dunlo]; **Autumn View:** June Nezneski; **Amber Hills: Ebensburg: Father Ronald Borsuk;** **John Paul II Manor, Cresson:** Kathryn Mackovyak; **Just Like Home Personal Care, Cresson:** Dorothy Resconich;

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**Mysteries of Christian Initiation:** There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist**. Christian Initiation may be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor according the norms of Church law and practice.

**Crowning in Marriage:** A **six month period of preparation** is to precede the marriage. Couples are to meet with the pastor before other arrangements are scheduled. The **Pre-Cana Program** offered by the Archeparchy in the spring of each year is a **required** part of the marriage preparation for all couples.

**Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Ill:** Please contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness to require the **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized or enter a nursing home or other facility, **please inform the pastor**.

**Mystery of Repentance (Confessions):** **Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. (Portage) and 4:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

**Opportunities for Stewardship:** Parishioners are asked to make a commitment of **Time, Talent, and Treasure...** **Work Parties:** first Saturday of each month; **Church Cleaning** the first Monday.